

## C. M. PRATT DENIES NEW HAVEN PILOTS

Bears Out Lewis Cass Ledyard's Version of Boston and Maine Deal.

### DEFENSE SCORES POINT

Charles M. Pratt, second of the eleven defendants in the case of the New Haven and Hartford Railroad to take the stand in his own defense before Judge Hunt and a jury in the United States District Court, yesterday added his denial to that of Lewis Cass Ledyard that he knew of or was a party to a conspiracy to monopolize the New England. The testimony of Mr. Pratt dovetailed that of Mr. Ledyard, whom the government counsel found a difficult witness on cross-examination.

As did Mr. Ledyard, so Mr. Pratt, through the questioning of John G. Milburn, his counsel, took special pains to explain his part in the Boston and Maine Railroad to the New Haven. Mr. Pratt testified that he looked upon the transfer of his \$2,487,000 stock of Boston and Maine stock solely from an investment viewpoint. He and Mr. Ledyard, too, who testified in direct examination at the morning session, said that in matters before the New Haven board the directors relied implicitly on suggestions of Charles S. Mellen, the president.

"I don't know," said Mr. Mellen later, when asked about this part of the testimony for the defense. "I thought I was dealing with a board of directors over 21 years of age. If I had known that they knew as little about the Boston and Maine as I think I would have been inclined to get nurse maids for them."

Mr. Ledyard's Denial Emphatic.

"No, never, I never did," answered Mr. Ledyard with an emphatic nod of his head when De Lancey Nicoll asked him if he had any knowledge of any plan or conspiracy on the part of the New Haven board or its predecessors to monopolize commerce or if anything was said or done by any one connected with the road to lead him to believe that a conspiracy existed, or if he consciously took part in any such conspiracy or was ever influenced by any desire to monopolize transportation and commerce on the New England coast at any time violating Federal laws. Mr. Pratt echoed that testimony later in the day.

"In my own thought," said Mr. Ledyard in cross-examination by Frank M. Swacker, for the government, "that any Federal suit to divorce the Boston and Maine from the New Haven would have been standing (snapping his fingers) before any court of law."

Mr. Ledyard refused steadfastly to allow Mr. Swacker to draw any but Mr. Ledyard's own conclusions from the testimony. "That is not so," or "You can read it," he declared when the prosecutor tried to lead him to say that his testimony about the meeting of the directors and Mr. Mellen in 1907 was a violation of Federal laws. A free room near Grand street was crowded.

When the Bowers wireless spread the word that two leaves of bread could be had for one cent, a crowd began to arrive in a steady stream. In twenty minutes 400 leaves had been given away. Few of the men or women had any extra money, and the distribution of the bread was open as usual on New Year's Day. George C. Bartlett of Tolland, Conn., sent 44 C. S. L. 52 to the free bread fund yesterday.

### TERMINAL SYNDICATE CLOSED.

Wabash-Pittsburg Earnings Reported to Have Increased.

The closing of the syndicate, formed by H. P. Goldschmidt & Co. and Sirro Bros. & Co. to underwrite the cash requirements of the reorganization plan for the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal Railway Company, which had not been paid by the bondholders in accordance with the plan, has been announced by the underwriters, who say no further subscriptions will be accepted.

It has been reported that the earnings of the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal Railway Company and its subsidiaries have increased substantially and that the increase has been proportionately greater than on any other road. It is expected that the reorganization committee will extend to bondholders who have not yet posted their bonds a final chance to become parties to the plan. The depositary under the plan is the Central Trust Company.

### WESTERN MARYLAND NOTES.

Company Issues Notice Concerning the Payment of Interest.

The Western Maryland Railway Company has given notice to the holders of the 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. notes due July 1, 1915, that pending the completion of the readjustment plans it will pay the interest on January 1, 1916, upon the amount of semi-annual installments on the notes which matured on January 1, 1915, and June 1, 1915. These payments will be made at the office of the company at 71 Broadway upon presentation of the matured coupon on the 5 per cent. notes and upon presentation of the coupon on the 6 per cent. notes without the coupons.

### SUGAR ALLOTMENTS MADE.

Heavy Over-subscription of Cuba Corporation Stock.

Owing to the heavy over-subscription of the 500,000 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock of the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation, the allotments which were made yesterday were materially reduced. The offering of the stock was made at par with a bonus of 70 per cent. of common stock. The preferred stock is redeemable at 120 and is convertible at any time into common stock at the rate of one share of preferred stock for five shares of common stock. There will be 200,000 shares of the preferred stock with a par value of \$100 and the same number of common shares of no par.

The mills which the company is to take over in Cuba have an annual output of 3,500,000 bags and the company will own and control the cane fields and the sugar refineries with ample cane. It is estimated that at the lowest price at which sugar is sold, two cents a pound, the company will be able to earn at least one and a half times the dividend on its preferred stock, and that under normal conditions large dividends will be earned on the common. At the start the company will have a working capital of \$7,000,000.

### Breaker Cut When Car Hits Taxi.

William A. Merton of the firm of J. D. Drobat & Co., 43 Exchange place, members of the New York Stock Exchange, was severely cut by flying glass yesterday when a northbound car on Central Park West at Ninety-eighth street ran into the rear of the taxi.

The taxi was driven by a man named Edward W. Lindabury, Charles F. Brooker, R. D. Robbins, John G.

## TOM SHEVLIN OF YALE IS DEAD OF PNEUMONIA

Famous Player and Coach Became Ill While Training 1915 Team—Had Won Big Success in the Western Lumber Field.



Tom Shevlin of Yale.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—Thomas Leonard Shevlin, wealthy lumberman and one-time star football captain of Yale, died at his home here today of pneumonia, which developed following a cold Mr. Shevlin contracted while coaching the Yale football team in the late fall of this year.

Mr. Shevlin had been confined to his bed for the past six days. Despite his athletic prowess in school and college, those who knew him well said that he had never enjoyed perfect health. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Elizabeth Sherley of Louisville, Ky., and one son, Mr. Shevlin was 34 years old.

Not even the wonderful football work and other athletic successes of Tom Shevlin, which will be handed down for generations at the Hill School and at Yale, can quite eclipse the marvels he accomplished in later years as a volunteer coach. For years after Shevlin's graduation from Yale in 1906 it grew to be a habit at New Haven whenever the work of the football team showed raggedness for the coming season.

Thereupon hurry calls would be received here and Tom Shevlin, up to his ears in the work of managing his lumber and other interests, valued at \$1,500,000, would drop his own affairs, rush to New Haven and by a combination of ability, boundless energy and the assistance of the then Yale captain and more in one afternoon with the Yale team than had been accomplished by other coaches throughout the season.

Minnesota Shift Recalled.

Back in 1910, when everything connected with Yale football was going about as wrong as wrong could be, into New Haven came Tom Shevlin with the Minnesota shift and other bits of football strategy to implant into the minds and feet of the muddled Yale varsity. One week under Shevlin's plucky tutelage and a seemingly hopeless band of football players had become so transformed that they went forth and beat Princeton and tied the cracking good Harvard eleven of that year.

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### CARRANZA ATTACHES \$300,000 IN N. Y. BANKS

Ruler of Yucatan. It Is Charged, Looted Treasury Before Being Deposed.

The pursuit, covering nearly a year, by the Mexican State of Yucatan of \$450,000, said to have been taken from the treasury at Merida, capital of the State, on February 14 last by Gen. Abel Ortiz Argumedo, self-constituted governor of Yucatan, resulted in an attachment, signed yesterday, tying up \$300,000 in half dozen banking concerns here. The attachment was granted by Supreme Court Justice Platzek in a suit brought by the State of Yucatan through Dr. Victor A. Benden, legal representative in this country of Gen. Salvador Alvarado, the Carranza governor of Yucatan. The defendants named were Alvarado, Gen. Benden, and an exporter of hemp at Merida, with an office at 82 Beaver street, New York, and his representative, Michael J. Smith. An affidavit by Dr. Benden stated that Carranza seized the Yucatan government on February 14 last after driving out Gen. Benden, and on March 2 he took control of the treasury on the pretext that it was to be supplied by Carranza to buy supplies for Yucatan in this country. Gen. Argumedo then fled and Gen. Alvarado took control. Montes then put the money in the hands of Smith and it was deposited in the National City, Chase National and Hanover National banks, and the National Bank of Commerce, Matland, Coppel & Co. and G. Amsick & Co.

Dr. Benden said that he came here in November with power to take possession of the money, if he could find it, and he succeeded in collecting \$100,000. He demanded the remaining \$200,000, one and a half times the person of sufficient financial means to pay a judgment of \$300,000 if it is returned against him and that Montes is now in Havana with his father-in-law and does not intend to return to Yucatan. It was alleged that Smith was about to depart from New York to California and other parts unknown and take the money with him.

### REMITTANCE RULING FOR FEDERAL BANKS

May Include All Government Warrants and Checks on U. S. Treasurer.

Benjamin Strong, Jr., governor of the Federal Reserve Bank in this district, has sent by express to the district the following letter:

"Under date of November 24, 1915, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States designated the Federal Reserve Bank of New York a depository and fiscal agent of the United States under section 15 of the Federal reserve act of 1914, and until revoked.

"Member banks of this district located outside of the city of New York are notified that on and after January 1, 1916, they may include in their remittances to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for immediate credit at par, but subject to final payment by the Treasurer of the United States, all Government warrants and checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States. Member banks situated in New York city for the present and until further notified by us are requested to collect such items through the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in New York in accordance with the present practice. When the facilities of the Federal reserve bank for handling Government deposits have been further developed, member banks in New York city will be notified that Government warrants and checks may be sent to this bank through the Clearing House subject to final payment by the Treasurer of the United States.

"The Government has for many years exercised the right of returning at any time warrants and checks, which for any cause have not been considered good, and we have been advised that this practice will be continued.

### Par Hotel, Larchmont, Burns.

LARCHMONT, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The Park Hotel, on Larchmont, was burned this morning. The building was a two-story structure, which was burning for some time before it was discovered. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

## DENIES 'DREAM BOY' IS LLOYD OSBOURNE

Mrs. Sheffield, Fighting Lawyer's Divorce Suit, Tells of Ideals.

### FRIENDS SUPPORT HER

Further inquiry in an effort to identify the "dream boy" of Mrs. Rena Carey Sheffield, the author—a boy with jet black hair through which she might run her fingers, but whom she declares she has never met—was the feature yesterday when the marital troubles of Mrs. Sheffield and her husband, Justus Sheffield, were aired before Vice-Chancellor Vivian M. Lewis in the Jersey City Chancery Chambers.

Sheffield, who now lives at 135 Mercer street, Jersey City, filed a suit for divorce charging his wife with desertion. He is a member of the New York bar, a member of the Lambs Club and a Harvard graduate. He figured in the L. W. W. trials in Taunton a year ago. Mrs. Sheffield lives at Short Hills. They have a daughter, Barbara. Another child, Nelson, is dead.

Mrs. Sheffield is the author of "The Golden Hallow." Its sale was suppressed after the first thousand. The writer placed her self as Barbara. Sheffield stopped the sale, representing to the publishers that the villain in the novel was none other than himself, and that there would be a libel suit if any more copies of the book were sold.

Denies Osbourne Is "Dream Boy."

Most of the time that she was under cross-examination yesterday parallels were drawn between passages in the book, "The Golden Hallow," and Mrs. Sheffield by Merritt Lane, counsel for Sheffield. Mr. Lane referred to a description of a colonial party at which the heroine, Barbara, was a brooded gown as "Charlotte Corday," and Mac represented Marat. Mrs. Sheffield was asked if she did not have her picture taken in the costume, and if she did not send one of the prints to Lloyd Osbourne, the author. The witness admitted having her picture taken, but denied that she sent one to Mr. Osbourne.

"Mr. Osbourne was your 'dream boy'?" was he not?" asked Mr. Lane.

"He was not," answered Mrs. Sheffield. "I have already stated, and if you had read 'Golden Hallow' you would know, my 'dream boy' has black hair. What hair Mr. Osbourne has is reddish."

In one part of the novel Mrs. Sheffield describes love as "an elemental force swaying everything before it like snow before the wind." She was asked if that is her idea of love and replied: "Yes, I think so."

Mr. Lane read a passage saying: "What the girl (Barbara) needs is to be loved by a man who is not a dream." "Did you mean that for yourself, Mrs. Sheffield?" he asked.

"That's what every girl needs," was the answer. The detective described the stage star as being short, plump, had reddish hair and most of the time wore a green opera cloak.

Sheffield will take the witness stand today on direct examination and to answer the charges of Mrs. Sheffield. It is expected that the taking of testimony will be concluded today.

Always Spoke in Whispers.

"For eight years I never spoke to my husband above a whisper," Mrs. Sheffield told the jury yesterday. "I threatened to choke him if I raised my voice above a whisper, because he said he was so much higher in station than I was. I was not permitted to speak to him for money for myself and the children. He said he had none. I knew he had plenty for other women. I told him so and he said, 'Hold your tongue, damn you, or I'll kill you.'"

Mrs. Helen Morse, who has a home in Chicago and at Winter Park, Fla., told the jury that she had been told by what she knows about the marital difficulties of the Sheffields in a deposition. She said that she contributed to the divorce of Mrs. Sheffield and Mr. Sheffield. "One time I gave her \$5 for car fare and spent \$25 for clothes for the children so that they would not be in disgrace when they went to visit friends in New London," she swore.

Mrs. Morse told of a conversation she had with Sheffield one day on the train while returning to New York from Lakewood and how he told her that he was never at home except about one night every two weeks or so. She said that Sheffield told her that he spent most of the time attending the opera or theatre. Mrs. Morse said that most of the time since July, 1911, she has given Mrs. Sheffield from \$15 to \$100 a week.

James W. Berlaner, a private detective, told of shadowing Sheffield. He said that the lawyer and a musical comedy star whom he pleased to call "the mysterious lady" met at the stage door of the Liberty Theatre and went to Belmont's, Sherry's and other restaurants. The detective described the stage star as being short, plump, had reddish hair and most of the time wore a green opera cloak.

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## LAYS HER INSANITY TO UNTRUE HUSBAND

Woman, Cured in Asylum, Wants Publisher Punished for Not Paying Alimony.

### WORKS TO SUPPORT CHILD

On the ground that her husband had committed to an insane asylum a few days after she got an order requiring him to pay her alimony pending a divorce case and then refused to support her and her child after she was discharged as cured, Mrs. Estelle E. Anderson will ask Supreme Court Justice Ford to-day to punish John McCredend Anderson, a publisher, for contempt of court. Anderson owes his wife \$630 under the alimony order.

The petition of Mrs. Anderson, made by her attorney, Maurice Mayer, alleges that on January 7 last she filed suit for a divorce in which she alleges that her husband was guilty of misconduct with a woman unknown to her in a hotel at Twenty-fifth street and Third avenue. Her mental trouble she laid to the news of her husband's infidelity. The couple were married April 17, 1910, and came insane suddenly on January 8, 1915. An order directing Anderson to pay \$14 a week alimony and \$100 counsel fee was signed January 18. Her husband had her sent to the S. R. Smith Infirmary on Staten Island on January 30 and on February 3 last Judge Tierney committed her to the Manhattan State Asylum on Ward 10.

The ground upon which Mrs. Anderson was committed was an affidavit by her husband in which he said that she became insane suddenly on January 8, 1915. In his affidavit Mrs. Anderson was released from the hospital on three months parole on August 9 last and on November 3 was discharged as cured.

"The situation is presented of a man who first, as his wife alleges, commits an act of infidelity, refuses to pay alimony and counsel fee as ordered, has his wife committed as insane, applies for her parole and then for more than three months fails to support her and her child."

Mrs. Anderson has been living with her mother, Mrs. Laura Lewis, at 142 Newark avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island, and has been compelled to work to support herself and child.

### ALIENISTS EXAMINE SLAYER.

Insanity Plea to Be Made for Man Who Killed School Teacher.

OSSING, Dec. 29.—Three alienists have just examined Antonio Ponton, a Porto Rican condemned to die on Monday in Sing Sing prison. As a result an application will be made to Gov. Whitman for a sanity commission to examine the man.

Ponton killed Miss Bessie Kromer, a Schenectady school teacher. Prison officials question the right of Ponton's attorneys to enter the deathhouse, such incidents having formed the basis for one count in the indictment against T. M. Osborne.

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### MUSIC JARS MARITAL PEACE.

Husband Says Wife Thinks She Is a Genius—Denies Cruelty.

NEWARK, Dec. 29.—His wife's love for music caused his marital troubles, Harry Fera, Jr., of 30 Hampton terrace, East Orange, told Vice-Chancellor Howell to-day. Mrs. Gertrude M. Fera, the wife, was in court asking alimony pending the trial of her suit for limited divorce on the ground of cruelty. The court allowed her \$18 a week for the support of herself and five-year-old daughter, Theodora.

"Rightly or wrongly," Mr. Fera said, "Mrs. Fera believes she is a musical genius, and it is a great disappointment to her that she can't live in New York instead of in East Orange."

The husband swore that his wife has no idea of business and that he has been unable to save a cent in years. Once when he informed her of her lack of business sense he said she threw a fork at him. He denied practically all the charges in his wife's petition.

Mr. Fera is manager for A. W. Faber, manufacturer of rubber goods and lead pencils at 41 Dickerson street. Mrs. Fera testified that his salary is \$3,500 a year and that revenues from other sources brought his income up to \$5,000 annually. Mr. Fera said his only income was his salary.

Mrs. Fera charges that once her husband tried to kill her by driving his automobile off a high cliff. She alleged that he failed to provide for their home. She also said he threatened her with violence and called her names.

### GREENE-CANANEA DIVIDEND.

Company Resumes Payments With Declaration of 1 Per Cent.

The Greene-Cananea Copper Company has resumed the payment of dividends with a declaration of 1 per cent, payable January 15 to stock of record January 8. This declaration follows the one on Tuesday of 50 cents a share by Greene Consolidated, which is Cananea's principal operating company. The following statement has been issued by the Greene-Cananea directors:

"The dividend declared to-day is a dividend that would have been paid December 1, 1915, had the mines not been closed down on account of conditions in Mexico. In order that there may be no confusion in the minds of the stockholders the statement is made that this disbursement will in no way interfere with action to be taken by the board of directors at the time for considering the next regular quarterly dividend usually paid about March 1."

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## At the Grand Central Palace

January 1st to 8th, Inclusive

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## At the Locomobile Building

January 3rd to 8th, Inclusive

There will be a special display of Locomobile Standard Coach Work and Locomobile Custom Coach Work on the Exhibition Floor of the Locomobile Building, 61st Street next to Broadway. This will appeal to those who do not enjoy the crowding, noise and dust of a large motor show.

## At the Importers' Salon

January 3rd to 8th, Inclusive

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